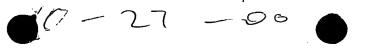
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled:

AUTHENTICATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD, PORTABLE INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE AND PROGRAM FURNISHING MEDIUM

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application and the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date <u>October 26, 2000</u>, in an envelope bearing "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" Mailing Label Number <u>FL254113902US</u> addressed to: Box Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Joan Mazzeo (Name of person mailing paper) Enclosed are: 1. X Transmittal Form (two copies required) The papers required for filing date under CFR § 1.53(b): Pages of specification (including claims and abstract); 16 Sheets of drawings. formal x informal Declaration or oath Unsigned - Combined with Power of Attorney a. <u>x</u> **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS** 4. __ An assignment of the invention to Sony Corporation is attached (including Form PTO-1595). i. __ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) x Power of Attorney - Unsigned - Combined with Declaration An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed, including a PTO-1449 and copies of ___ references. 7. x Preliminary Amendment. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503 -- should be specifically itemized) FOREIGN PRIORITY [x] Priority of application nos. P11-310517 and P2000-253305 filed on November 1, 1999 and August 24, 2000; respectively in Japan are claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified copy of the priority application: is filed herewith; or has been filed in prior application no. _ filed on _, or x will be provided.

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10. FEE CALCULATION

a. __ Amendment changing number of claims or deleting multiple dependencies is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS FILED

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	24 - 20	* 4	x \$18.00	72.00
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Multiple dependent claim(s), if any			\$270.00	0

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1	1	Small	Entity	Statue

- a. _ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. __ is no longer claimed.

12. Other Fees

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13. Payment of Fees

- x Check(s) in the amount of \$ 942.00 enclosed.
- Charge Account No. 12-1420 in the amount of \$__.
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- 14. All correspondence regarding this application should be forwarded to the undersigned attorney:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Account No. 12-1420. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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